Vanchiyoor tank road.

151. ***Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware of the miserable condition of the road that is called the Vanchiyoor tank road which starts from Pulimood and goes by the side of what was once the Vanchiyoor tank ;

(*b*) whether the Corporation of Trivandrum has addressed the P. W. D. regarding the extreme necessity of widening and improving the above roads so as to make it fit for pedestrian traffic and vehicular traffic ;

(*c*) whether they are alive to the fact that after the shifting of the Courts to Vanchiyoor, there is busy pedestrain traffic through this road ;

(*d*) whether the P. W. D. has taken the necessary steps to widen and improve the road ; and

(*e*) if not, why?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : (*a*) No. It is only a narrow lane 14'—15' wide and is maintained in as good a condition as possible with the maintenance grant available.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) The steep gradient of the road does not admit of any improvement work being taken up.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai : May I know from the honourable member whether he is aware that the portions of the road were completely washed away by rain during the recent years?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : Yes, Sir. It is so steep that with the present maintenance grant, it is not possible to rectify it.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai : May I know from the honourable member whether he is aware that the road is full of pits and ravines?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : I am not aware.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai : May I know from the honourable member whether the steep gradient cannot admit of any improvement and whether the road cannot be repaired?.

President : The simplest way is to increase the maintenance grant and if the P. W. D. had done it, this question might not have arisen. It was a mistake on the part of the P. W. D. and it will be rectified.

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